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1. On 2 August 1950 the SS Kaserne, Dresden (K 52/F 29) - Trachenbergo, was occupied by 400 to 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and radio insignia. The barracks buildings were about half lighted at night. Groups of 10 to 20 men drilled in the barracks yard. Driving practice with motorcycles was held in the area near the installation.

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2. The Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Dresden-Klotzsche, housed 200 to 300 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with motor transport and tank insignia. During the evening the southern section of the installation was about 25 percent lighted but the northern section was dark. There was no training activity.

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3. The number of troops stationed in the Napola (former Nazi training school), Dresden-Klotzsche, on 2 August 1950 could not be estimated. The relatively heavy traffic indicated that there had been an increase in the occupation. Soldiers there wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery, motor transport and radio insignia. No training was held outside the billeting area.

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4. The barracks in Dresden-Uebigau still housed 800 to 1,000 troops on 2 August 1950. Troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery, motor transport and radio insignia. A few soldiers wearing black-bordered ruby-colored epaulets were seen in the windows of the southern barracks buildings. The noise of drilling troops was heard from the yard. *

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* Comment. The report does not indicate any essential change since the reports of 20 June 1950 and 12 July 1950. It is assured that elements of the 11th Gds Tank Div from Dresden were still at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds at the beginning of August 1950.

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